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14 February 1985

Mr. Roy Kirkham
Department Commander
The American Legion
Office of Department Headquarters
P.O. Box 1431
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Mr. Kirkham:

Thank you for inviting CIA Director William J. Casey to speak at the American Legion Louisiana State Convention in Baton Rouge in June.

Mr. Casey has asked me to extend his regrets. Due to tentative travel plans and a full schedule of official duties, he must decline the honor. As you are probably aware Mr. Casey addressed the 1982 American Legion National Convention in Chicago, and enjoyed meeting many members of your organization. He is sorry he can't join you in Louisiana.

We wish your State Convention every success.

Sincerely, /

George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the American Legion Louisiana State Convention

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to address the 67th annual American Legion State Convention Saturday afternoon, 22 June 1985, at the Capitol House Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Background: American Legion Department Commander of Louisiana Roy Kirkham has invited you to give a 30-minute address at its annual convention in Baton Rouge. You would be the keynote speaker of the Louisiana convention and could expect an audience of approximately 1,200 to 1,500 Legionnaires. Television and radio stations would cover the meeting unless you requested that the media not be present. The suggested topic for your speech is "comments about present and future conditions in our country, and what role the veteran can play in helping America advance." If you accepted, however, I am sure they would welcome any remarks that you choose to make. Louisiana Governor Edwin W. Edwards spoke at the convention last year, and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs Harry Walters spoke to them recently at one of their state meetings. During the 1984 convention, American Legion National Commander Keith Kreul said the American Legion supports the Reagan Administration's desire for a military victory over guerrillas and long-range U.S. economic support in El Salvador. (See opposite for further information.) You spoke at the National Convention in Chicago in August 1982.

3. Recommendation: Decline the invitation. While the suggested domestic topic for your address could be changed to something related to national security, unless you have some reason to be in Louisiana at this time, I do not think this occasion warrants a special trip.

George V. Lauder

ACCEPT:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE:

101 William D. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence

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Remarks To 15: For coordination and please prepare response for DCI signature.

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January 18, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

It is with extreme pleasure that I convey to you the invitation of The American Legion, Department of Louisiana to address our State Convention on either June 22 or 23, 1985, Capitol House Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The convention attendees, who represent the 45,000 Louisiana Legionnaires would be most appreciative of your comments about present and future conditions in our country and what role the veteran can play in helping America advance. Your presence and comments would be the highlight of our convention.

I, and the Legionnaires hope for your favorable acceptance of this invitation.

Yours truly,



ROY KIRKHAM
Department Commander

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